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COLLINSVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR WEAPONS OFFENSE

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on June 2, 2006, **DONALD BRENT STOVER**, age 31, of Collinsville, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **STOVER** was sentenced to 115 months' imprisonment, was fined \$500, and was placed on 3 years' supervised release.

STOVER had previously pleaded guilty to a one count Indictment charging him with being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

This case was investigated by the Fayetteville, Illinois, Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a joint and cooperative effort of the United States Attorney's Office, the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, the Illinois State Police, and local law enforcement departments directed at removing guns and drugs from our communities.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Daly.